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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

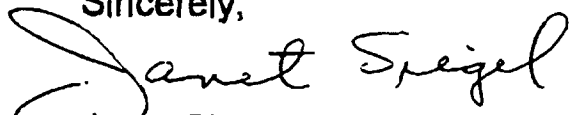
It has come to my attention that there has been a settlement reached in the three-year case against the government's case against Microsoft. I think the settlement is wonderful. I also believe that the government should leave Microsoft alone.

It is in everyone's best interests that this case be resolved quickly so all parties involved can attend to other matters. The American public would agree that any further pursuit of the case would be a waste of time, money, and human resources. Also, it would be harmful to not only the American economy, but the global economy as well. Microsoft will be making major changes because of this settlement. These changes will include the establishment of a technical committee to police Microsoft's compliance with the settlement. Also, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against computer makers, and software developers who ship software or hardware that competes with anything in the Windows operating system.

Furthermore, Microsoft has agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to the Windows operating system. This is a first in any antitrust settlement.

Once again, I ask that you accept this settlement, and terminate your efforts to further prosecute Microsoft. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Janet Siegel